

Purton Magazine



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Sundays

9.30am Mass

From the Editor

The Olympic Games are in full swing as this piece is written and our competitors are starting to collect occasional medals from some very interesting events as diverse as synchronised diving, archery, kayak slalom, equestrian eventing, swimming and badminton; even before the athletics begin. While "Team GB", which appears to be the collective description for our representatives, will not be returning empty handed, the debates will surely continue about the disappearance of so many school playing fields and different ways to encourage youngsters towards a more healthy life through sport.

For a community of our size, we seem to be quite well served for sports. The Tennis Club report on some very busy Saturday morning sessions with the Juniors, many of whom have enjoyed their first taste of competitive tennis in the Wiltshire Junior League – as have the two Junior teams from the cricket club. Local sporting inspiration, if it were needed, is supplied this month by the Purton Bowls Club. The ladies team are this year's Wiltshire champions and are already through one round of the regional finals. The men have reached the English National Finals in Worthing with skipper Ian Williams also winning the under 25 singles and he has qualified for two events at the national finals.

Thinking of nationalities, it is reported that our Government have recently produced a leaflet about seeking asylum in the UK (including tips on claiming refugee status, applying for benefits and the appeals process) in many languages; including Welsh – but who is it for?

The ninth of Andy le Poidevin's front covers is another in his superb series and already thoughts are turning to front covers for next year with further details inside.

Before then, many changes will have happened to groups and individuals in our community. It is said that the only constant is change, yet most of us have some in-built resistance to change. However exciting a change might appear, it will always compete against the confidence, comfort and certainty of the current circumstances.

One change that you will find is that our fantastic family butcher, John Harris, has announced that is soon to retire. It is hard to think of many who have served our community with such energy and dedication. Thank you, John. It's a hard act for Andrew to follow – even if he does appear to have his own special group of close 'friends', as you will see.

For most in education, September is a time of change. Children move up and move on and new ones move in. They know that change will be happening whereas change can be frighteningly fast and completely unexpected for others. Everyone facing change would probably benefit from a little extra thoughtfulness, especially from their friends and neighbours. Perhaps that would be another opportunity for us to demonstrate that we are a caring community.

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New Beginnings

New schools, new school years, new teachers, new people to get to know. Parents and carers seeing their children going to playschool, primary school, secondary school, college, university, training courses or out to work or to no work... September is a time of change for so many people. It can bring sadness as we say goodbye to people and places. We may while away hours longing for difficult times to be over. People of any age can find change difficult to cope with. It can bring anxiety as well as excitement.

A Changeless God. God is the same yesterday, today and forever. This is something Christians believe. Sometimes the Bible tells us that God changes his mind. This might make you think he can't be trusted. That's not the case. When God changes his mind he does so to give people a second/third/fourth/fifth chance. God simply can't change his basic desire to love us, forgive us and give us a fresh start. That's the thing that is unchanging about him.

Changes in our lives We know change only too well. It may not just affect our children but us too. We may not find it easy to cope with. Some change will bring us happiness, some may cause us distress and pain. But what we do know is that God is unchanging. Whatever we are going through we know that God's love is constant and always there. If we have nothing else, we can cling to the his love and try to live each day to the best of our ability, looking for signs of hope, looking for the good that there is, while accepting that the past is gone and that the future is yet to be.

The following prayer says it all. Perhaps you will be able to use it, whatever you are facing at the moment,

*O God, our Creator,
Your kindness has brought us the gift of a new day.
Help us to leave yesterday,
And not to covet tomorrow,
But to accept the uniqueness of today.*

JANE HASLAM

Harvest is not far off!

Harvest Festivals

Methodist Church on 12 September, 10.30am & St Mary's Church on 3 October, 10.30am. Everyone will be welcome to join us as we celebrate harvest and God's goodness to us.



Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper is on 2 October, 6.30pm. Tickets will soon be on sale for this evening of wonderful food, company and entertainment. Don't delay!

John Harris

Dear Customers,

On the 2nd October 2004, I will be retiring from my business - J A Harris, Family Butcher. I have been here on The Parade for 22 years and have enjoyed serving you all.

I came to Purton in 1982 to take over the shop, which was then known as the 'Farm Shop'. I worked the whole weekend with my wife, Jill, daughters Jane, Paula and Kathy, to get the shop ready for business on the Monday morning. One of my first customers, on discovering I came originally from London, said "You won't survive here as you are a cockney!" The rest, as they say, is history.

I have been privileged to share these 22 years with you all; your joys and your tragedies. I have seen many newcomers to the village, and babies born, many of which are now grown with babies of their own.

I have been honoured to be included in the day to day business of the village life.

When my daughter, Paula gave birth very prematurely to Megan, I appreciated all the love and support given to me and my family at that time. I am pleased to say that Megan is coming on well, although she has a lot of 'catching up' to do. But with the support of the family, I feel she will overcome all her problems.

I am also proud to report that my eldest daughter, Jane, is to present us with a grandchild in October.

You will have heard no doubt that my health has been of some concern over the past year. I am coping well with the medication given and intend to carry on for a few more years. However, as Jill and I have bought a motor home, we both intend to travel the British Isles and even venture further a-field while our health holds out. Neither of us intends to 'die on the job'.

Once again, may I thank you for being such an important part of my life, sharing the laughter, banter, occasional abuse.

Andrew Hiscock, my very reliable Manager and second in command, will be taking over the business, and I trust you will give him the same welcome as you gave me.

JOHN HARRIS

St Mary's Church

Annual Bazaar in the **Village Hall**

Saturday 25 September 10.30am – 3pm

Coffees and teas : Lunches from 12noon – 1pm

Lots of interesting stalls





In the Swindon and District League last year the Club had a notably successful season with many of our teams at the top of their divisions. Perhaps, as they say 'all good

things come to an end' for this year we seem to have had very mixed fortunes, though all the results are not yet in as some rain-delayed games have yet to be played. It looks as though both Purton B and C Men will drop a division as may Purton C Mixed. Purton A Men should scrape back into second place in Division 1 which will be encouraging but the best news is with the Ladies teams. Purton A Ladies may well, with matches still to be played, remain in the top slot of Division 1 and Purton C have the satisfaction of moving up to Division 4 next year which is a nice reward for some hard fought matches. Whatever the results the teams have played with their usual determination and commitment. Injuries this year have kept some players off the courts, notably our Chairman, Shane Horsell, who has had to content himself with the gentler sport of fishing this season. We all hope he will return to form shortly.

With the league matches all but finished the Club is turning its enthusiasm to our in-house tournament with Finals Day being held on Sunday 19th September. We had a glorious day for Finals last year – one of the hottest -- so we will keep fingers crossed for a sunny and rain-free day.

Just a reminder to members that the Sunday mixed session continues right through the winter so there's no excuse to put down the racket and become a couch potato! We'll hope to see you at the Club from 10.00am onwards.

CAROLINE MCLEAN

Junior News

The Saturday morning sessions have been incredibly busy this season with an average of 50 children attending. On the 12th June we had a record attendance of 67!!! The children have enjoyed their first taste of league tennis this year with three teams competing in the Wiltshire Junior League. Although the U17 Boys' team was the only one to actually win a match, there were several close encounters with the U15 Girls losing both their matches by 3-2 and also the U15 Boys losing one of their 3 matches by this closest of scorelines.

The Junior season closes with the last Saturday session on 28th August followed by the annual Singles Tournament on Sunday September 5th. Entries are coming in fast for this with everybody keen to wrest the titles away from last year's winners, Lisa Turner, Marc Cox and Chris Etheridge.

NICOLA GARDNER

Distributor Wanted!

Purton Magazine needs a new distributor for The Hyde/Hyde Lane area
– please contact mail@intouchpurton.co.uk –

Purton Museum - Exhibit Of The Month

A Leather Bucket

This month's exhibit is a leather bucket, believed to have been used by the Purton Fire Brigade in the 1890s-1900s. When wet, leather would not easily burn and was lighter and more easily made and stored than metal ones.

Looking around the village, it is evident that the oldest buildings are mainly from the late 1600s and built of stone. This doesn't mean that the village didn't exist before that period, only that the earlier buildings - probably of wood - were lost and fire would have been the main culprit. Firefighting was very much a panic response to their current emergency and not planned. Later, Insurance Companies established their own fire brigades and introduced 'fire marks' - plaques with the insurance company symbol - and these were fixed to the walls of houses. If a house caught fire, the company fire brigade would race to the scene but if it didn't have the right mark they wouldn't deal with it! Up until a year or so ago, there was a fire mark on the front of No 1 High Street, which used to be Kempster's store.

The first council fire brigade was formed in Edinburgh in 1824 and there was a significant increase in the number of brigades the late 19th and early 20th centuries. By the start of the Second World War there were 1,400 brigades in the UK but very few professional firefighters. The government formed the Auxiliary Fire Service to boost the number of full-time firefighters. But problems in firefighting were put down to lack of co-ordination and the National Fire Service was formed in 1941 and all firefighting resources placed under central control.

After the war, the Fire Services Act 1947 abolished the National Fire Service and local authorities took over again. We are today served - and served well - by the Cricklade Fire Station of the Wiltshire Fire Service.

The bucket also has another significance being a very early item for the museum and has the catalogue number T160. It predated the system that we now have for recording the donation of items which began twenty years ago in autumn 1984. We are now well over the 2100 mark and the recording system is now computerized with a listing of the catalogue on the website.

Purton Museum is above the Public Library at 1 High Street and is also open during Library hours, that is: Tues 2-5 and 6-8 pm; Wed 10-1 and 2-5; Fri 2-5 and 6-8. Assisted and group visits can be arranged by contacting the Curator, Nigel Manfield by emailing curator@purtonmuseum.com. Alternatively you can visit us anytime on-line at www.purtonmuseum.com which includes Museum and Purton Historical Society news, events and information on the collection as well as the Exhibit of the Month.



RICK DIXON
Outreach Officer

Purton In Bloom 2004

I think what was amazing about Purton in Bloom this year was, at our first meeting in January, we only had twelve people come forward and, at that stage, it was a non starter. Then it gained momentum. In the end there were thirty four gardens open, with lots of fresh ones. The weather was not too bad, although it was not the sort that you could make up your mind about first thing in the morning, so I think that is why the numbers are down on 2002, or perhaps we are wearing the idea of Open Gardens a bit thin. By all reports the people that opened their gardens thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as did the visitors, so a good time was had by all, making a fair bit of money for the various charities.

Well I am sure you would like to know how much we raised and where the money went. Well, we have a general fund where the main of the money goes, i.e. from the sale of programmes, sponsorship, advertisements and donations, and some of the gardens have stalls etc. which they donate to this fund, or part of the money they raised, and all the expenses come out of this general fund. The main beneficiaries this year were the Evening Advertiser Cancer Appeal and the fund for a new slide at the Red House. Both these causes received £850 each.

The various stalls people had in their gardens raised £1818.78 and this went to charities of peoples' choice as follows – Methodist Church £565, Animal Welfare £150, Under 5s £115, Cancer Research £90 50, Headway £220, Hydrotherapy Pool £40, MS Therapy £88, Children's Ward GWH £163.53, Institute Clock £67.75, Air Ambulance £163, Purton Twinning £76 and Sports Relief £80. So you can see how many organisations benefited. Our thanks go to everyone who supported us in any way and special thanks to all the people who opened their gardens, which all added up to an enjoyable weekend. THANK YOU, we will see what response we get in the year 2006 as to whether we continue.

*TONY PRICE
Chairman, Purton in Bloom*

Dial A Ride Update

Since my article in the last issue we have managed to secure funding which should enable the service to continue until the end of January 2005.

I would like to thank NWDC who have found £2000, Purton Helping Hand £100, Lydiard Parish Council £500, Age Concern £200, Holland Handling £130, In Touch Services £100, Lake Interconnection Systems £50, Hubcaps Mini Club £100, Purton Parish Council £1000 and last but not least the two people who handed in £35 after listening to BBC Radio Swindon.

It is gratifying to know that we live in such a wonderful community. If there is still anybody else who could help us either in the short or longer term, please phone me on 01793 770412.

*HELEN DIXON – District Councillor
E mail: hdixon@northwilts.gov.uk*

Purton Magazine Front Covers

Andy Le Poidevin's front cover illustrations for the magazine this year have been a great success. Andy was kind enough to approach the new committee at the end of last year with his most generous offer. He volunteered to paint 12 different views around Purton and to give us first use on our front covers throughout 2004.

If that wasn't enough, Andy will be accepting the highest bids for each of the 12 original watercolour paintings at the Purton Artists' Exhibition in November with the proceeds going to their nominated charity for 2004; St. Mary's Church. It is known that quite a few villagers have already made their own shortlist for bidding and we can assure every reader that the originals look wonderful in colour.

Although it is 'only' September, we are starting to consider front covers for 2005 and invite anyone interested to approach the Editor, initially in writing via In Touch (see box on page 4) by the end of September. From our perspective, we will be looking for proposals that include the best combination of the following elements:-

- A series of 12 original pictures, drawings, possibly photographs or other artworks that illustrate something to do with Purton or Purton people.
- Each must be supplied to 'In Touch' 3 working days before the 10th of the month preceding publication with reproduction rights just for the covers duly assigned.
- A direct link between the artist(s) and Purton would be a strong point in favour.
- A method of displaying and selling the originals within the village at the end of the year of publication would be appreciated, especially if the proceeds (perhaps from an auction) were donated to a Purton charity.

In return, the artist(s) would get the opportunity of 12 original pieces of artwork reproduced over 1100 times each month to demonstrate their creative skills. That undoubtedly would enhance their reputation amongst our community, from whom commissions for future original work might be expected. An opportunity might also be created for the original to be displayed in a local exhibition with other artworks for sale by the same artist.

The approximate sequence of events would be as follows:

1. Initial expressions of interest and actual proposals received by 30th Sept. with any informal discussions prior to that date, please
2. The editorial group will review (not least for printing options) and summarise all submissions for the Committee
3. Each submission will receive at least a written reply by the end of October
4. Further discussions and negotiations are anticipated with the selected artist before arriving at a mutually acceptable solution.

Let's hope that Andy has started something that can be continued for many years to come.

Ps and Qs



There seem to be more complaints than ever about the way young people act, but is that really true? Children now have more of a voice than ever before and are seen and heard. Children have more access to adult views, via the TV and papers and, generally, carry the burdens of life at an earlier age. The opportunities to explore and do child-like activities have diminished partially because of parental fears of the outside world.

We are extremely fortunate in this village and surrounding areas to have so much on offer for all generations. The best way to find something of interest is to look in the Magazine or go to the Library.

However here are a few suggestions for teenagers:

- Ø Young Farmers
- Ø Scouts, Girl Guides and Sea Cadets
- Ø Hot Potatoes & the Youth Club
- Ø Tennis; Football; Cricket, Swimming; Ice-skating; Bowling
- Ø Paintball
- Ø Wildlife groups
- Ø Dancing; Majorettes
- Ø Tae kwan do
- Ø Theatre groups
- Ø Evening Classes
- Ø Mobile skateboard park (coming soon)

Chilling out with friends, bike riding, walking around the village seem to be a normal activity and should be no problem as long as other residents don't feel threatened or upset by unruly behaviour.

In the past, social clubs and groups, set up and run by young adults have been very successful. First, get a few friends together to form the committee. Find a willing pub with a room/space to allow you to meet weekly (say Wednesday night). At this meeting, you just socialise, play darts, pool, skittles etc. (whatever is on offer at the pub) and decide what extra social events you want to organise. This could include going to the cinema (reduced rates for large booking), weekend visit to the coast, bowling, picnic, rounders matches, debating, pub quiz, skittles, pub games. It does not have to be costly.

Compiled by Jacqui Lay of Ps and Qs

Ps and Qs stands for Purton's Qualities

Valuing Community Life - campaigning for sustainable communities

New members are always welcome

Contact: Jane Smith or Jacqui Lay

or via our web site: www.purtoninfo.org.uk

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild



It had been an overcast thundery type day when we met for our July meeting. There was a very good turnout to listen to Mrs Jenny Titman talk on "General Gardening". Jenny told us she did an apprenticeship at Hampton Court Palace in 1972 and she worked in the Royal gardens until 1978. These included Buckingham Palace, St James' and Hampton Court. It seems you have to be very disciplined and dedicated as the course is very intensive. However Jenny appeared to have enjoyed herself in spite of all the hard work.

She told us the ground must be cleared before planting. Organic based fertilizers are long lived. Unfortunately root crops tend to hold the flavour of Growmore, so it is best to use a different one for them and don't manure the ground for potatoes. To get a good flavour tomato, grow in half manure and half peat. It was interesting to hear Jenny advise top dressing cucumbers to keep them growing, and feed well. Take out the male flowers.

Diluted Jeyes Fluid will sterilise the soil. They also used manure from the Queen's horses to put on the gardens and she gave some funny tales of her days there. I think we could have listened to her all night instead of a short while.

We would like to say thank you very much to Malmesbury Garden Centre for sponsoring Mrs Titman.

"Gardening requires a lot of water - most of it from perspiration."

Tony Price proposed a vote of thanks.

Competition winners – 3 Hybrid Tea Roses

1st: Alice Matthews 2nd: Nigel Bunce 3rd: Mary Jones

Raffle winners

Sheila Young Marjorie Shailes Ivy Venn Rita Webb

Our next meeting will be on 28th September 2004 at the Silver Threads Hall, 7.30pm, when it will be our annual Mini Show. Please come along, I'm sure you will enjoy it. It is a "fun" evening.

MARY JONES, Secretary

Andrew gets the BUMPS

On a wet and windy summer's day in August Andrew from the butcher's thought he had escaped lightly on his 37th birthday. But then along came PEST with their portable trampoline to give him an extra special present, 37 birthday bumps.

Happy Birthday; hope you have recovered, we haven't!

P.E.S.T.



Purton And District Age Concern



The committee and friends of Age Concern enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the home of our President, Miss Elizabeth Ward. We had various games and a quiz, followed by a fish and chip supper. The weather was kind, the company good and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, so thank you Elizabeth for your hospitality. It is always a pleasure to come to Red Lodge.

We have had our annual village outing to Weston with 114 people going. We were blessed with good weather and, as always, a nice breeze coming off the sea. The tide was going out when we got there, so you had to be quick to catch it. The journey there and back went without a hitch – thanks to Ellisons for this. Many thanks to Debbie and Ben Ansell (formerly Debbie May) for their part sponsorship of this trip – for the elderly of the village, in memory of Debbie's nan, the late Annie Bunce. Annie loved these outings to Weston, especially in later years and, when she was a little frailer, we used to take the minibuses. One thing that always stands out in my mind about these trips was that we always left Weston earlier than the coaches and came back the old way. We used to stop at Chew Valley lakes, where big arguments broke out between the likes of Mrs Bunce, Mrs Broad, Mrs White, Mrs Daniels and Mrs Hayward about who would pay for the ice cream.

At the time of writing we are still awaiting the leaflets on breast screening. When I rang to order them, they had run out and were waiting for more to be printed. You can rest assured that, as soon as we get them you will have them.

I wrote last month about Dial A Ride and how it was in danger of withdrawing its service from Purton and Lydiard. However, I am glad to say it is to continue for the time being, which we are very pleased about. Thanks here to Helen Dixon, our North Wilts District Councillor, and to our Parish Council, for helping to get this problem solved temporarily. I am sure something will happen so as to make it permanent.

Congratulations to that wonderful lady of New Road, Mrs Goodings, who has celebrated her 104th birthday. What a marvellous achievement. She still retains that lovely personality of hers. It could be the way her son Ken looks after her. We are all proud to have a lady of such distinction in our village. Another lady who has celebrated a birthday is Mrs. Dolly Eatwell, so congratulations to her on celebrating her 100th birthday. Doll moved to Bradenstoke some time ago to live with her daughter Valerie. Doll was another live wire of a lady. One thing is certain, they are both a good advertisement for the saying that hard work never killed anybody. Well done ladies!

Our next mystery tour after the September one is on Wednesday 6th October. This is a 10.00am. start with lunch provided, cost £9 and £11 for outsiders. Names to your street wardens by 25th September with money or tokens.

On Saturday 11th September, we are holding a jumble sale in the Village Hall with a 2.00pm. start. Anything for this sale would be appreciated and can be left

at the Hall between 12noon and 1.00pm. Only good clean jumble accepted and, of course, bric a brac.

After that we shall be having our annual Antiques Fayre at the Village Hall. This is always a good day. To book a stall contact Jenny Barnes. The date for this is Sunday 17th October. If you have any antiques you would like us to sell for you, contact Jenny. We would expect a small donation for this service. (We would also be grateful for anything you would like to donate!)

We are still looking for drivers/shotguns to help maintain the service we provide with our minibuses. I am sure there are people out there who could help us out – have a think about it, and give me a ring for a chat.

TONY PRICE

DOLLY EATWELL

Dar or Dolly, as most local people know her, celebrated her 100th birthday on August 18th of this year. Dolly was born in Purton in 1904, in a cottage, which is now part of B. E. Thompson's garage and workshop space. Her mother was Daisy (nee Newman), also a Purtonian, and her father was Enos Webb. She was the eldest of seven children – she has only one sister and one brother still alive. Her family moved to 'Nanny goat terrace' in New Road a few years after Dolly was born.

Dolly started school at the age of three and a half years. There was only the Church of England school in Purton at that time, which had only eight classrooms. The teachers of the two infant classes were Mrs. Woodward and Miss Barnes. Mrs. Woodward was the mother of Miss Woodward, who followed in her mother's footsteps and also taught the infants' class at St. Mary's. They were neighbours of Dolly's when they moved to Witts Lane. The Standard 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 teachers were Miss Clark, Miss Parsons, Miss Tomkins, Mr. Puggy Miles and Miss Towell. The remaining classes were taught by Mr. Drew, the headmaster. Dolly was a bright pupil and, at the age of twelve years was offered a labour examination, which was to be sat at Wootton Bassett. She remembers having an enjoyable journey with her few friends as they walked to Wootton Bassett. At that time cars were only kept by the elite people in the village – horses and carts were the main transport. She recalls that the exam was very difficult and some of the sums were ones she had never seen before, but she did the best she could. While waiting for the results her mother was quite anxious. If Dolly passed she could leave school and get employment. Times were very hard and extra money was much needed. When she was finally told she had passed and she returned home, her mother said 'Good, get on with the washing' and she didn't go back to school again.

Her mother and father very soon obtained a position for her at Faringdon caring for twin baby girls. Dolly remembers her father carrying her trunk with her clothes as they made the journey to Faringdon. Dolly was unhappy there and became very homesick, so much so that, when her father visited after several weeks, he brought her home. She worked in several places in the village, child

minding, but when she was sixteen she obtained work at Wills Tobacco Factory, where she remained until she was twenty three. She recalls very bad winters when she was travelling to Swindon every day on her bicycle and sometimes she had to wade waist deep in flood water, taking dry clothes to change into when she got to work.

When she was twenty three, Dolly married Percy Eatwell, who was also born in Purton. Percy's mother and father had a pig farm along Church Path, where Mr. and Mrs. Berry live now. At this time Dolly's family moved to 13 Witts Lane, where her father, mother and sister Edna lived until they died. Dolly and Percy bought a house at 33 Witts Lane and this was their marital home where all of their three children were born – Alec in 1937, Hazel in 1940 and Valerie in 1944. Alec eventually obtained two degrees, a B.Sc. and Ph.D., at Queen Mary's College, London.

Dolly worked in Garrard Engineering (Swindon) part time while bringing up her family. Later on, when Garrards closed, Dolly worked at 'the Dental Factory' in Purton until she retired at the age of seventy. Also, from the age of sixty, she delivered early morning papers along New Road for Mr. Peter Webber, the newsagent in the High St., until, at eighty four, her mobility had ceased – she had two hip replacements and finally had to retire. At the age of eighty six, Dolly, with husband Percy, moved to an annexe at their youngest daughter Valerie's home in Bradenstoke. Percy died in 1991 and Dolly has continued to live with Valerie ever since.

Dolly continues to enjoy life to the full. She is very alert and is blessed with exceptional good health. She loves travelling and, at the age of ninety and ninety one, she flew to the USA to stay in Oklahoma and enjoy time with her sister Amy. She spends time regularly at her daughter Hazel's home in Lydiard Green and occasionally visits her son's home in Reigate, Surrey. She loves company and her favourite pastime is to have a car ride. She attends the day centre at the Cedars and is well loved by all the staff and friends. Dolly has seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren who, together with other relatives and friends, have enjoyed celebrating her big day.

Well done, mother, we all hope you will have many more years ahead,

From all your family.

St Mary's Church - Harvest Supper

in Silver Threads Hall
!! Note change of venue !!

Saturday 2 October
6pm for 6.30pm



For Tickets tel: 770627, 770375, 772587

Tickets £7.50

to include a hot supper
(Reduction for children
and families)

Drinks available

Summer Camping!

By sheer luck, the 1st Purton and Lydiard Scout Troop set off for their summer camp at Bursledon, Southampton on one of the very few weekends when we've actually seen sun so far this year! The excited scouts had a weekend of activities and an outing to look forward to. There was the added bonus of brand new cooking equipment to use, bought as part of the ongoing equipment renewal programme in place in the group. The scouts were led by Chris Male and Andrew Ash-Burnham, together with three young leaders of Explorer age.



On Saturday, after a much-extended breakfast and traffic jams on the M27 due to the amazing weather, the troop eventually arrived at Poole for the ferry to Brownsea Island. Brownsea was the location of the very first camp led by Robert Baden-Powell in 1907, which saw the beginning of the scouting movement that has now spread worldwide. At the moment, plans are being prepared for 2007, the centenary of scouting, when the highlight of the year will be an International Jamboree held in England. On the island, the scouts saw exhibitions and learnt more about their history, and they saw the location of the first scout camp.

Sunday was spent taking part in activities at the campsite, which included artificial caving, abseiling and pioneering, with a volleyball tournament in the evening. The leaders, getting itchy feet and wanting to do something themselves, conducted their own special challenge against a neighbouring scout group: who could build the tallest flagpole? We won, with a flagpole about 10-15 metres high, about triple the size of our neighbour's one! We were too clever for our own good though, it fell down later that day!

Monday saw the scouts taking part in more traditional camp activities, before breaking camp and returning home in the evening. This summer camp was only made possible by the

dedication and enthusiasm of the leadership team, who made the weekend a highly entertaining one. But to ensure a thriving scout troop we need to draw on our cub pack. The Cubs urgently require a new Akela to ensure continuity, as our



present Akela has just left us due to maternity leave. Please see page 25 of the magazine for more information on this important but enjoyable role.

Why not check out some pictures from this year's camp, together with those from the cub camp earlier this year, by visiting our group website:

www.wiltshirescouts.org.uk/purtonandlydiard.

ANDREW TEDSTONE
Camp/Cub Young Leader

Try something completely different and highly satisfying...

Have fun doing things you haven't had the chance to do since you were 9 years old.

WHAT I hear you ask...?

Join our wonderful Scout Group here in Purton as a Cub Scout Leader.



Our Akela is going on **maternity leave** and so we **urgently** need someone to take over the leadership of our Cub Scout Pack. Don't worry, you've never done anything like it before – neither had Akela until she gave it a go. There's loads of help and support with the Pack, in fact we are lucky enough to have regular help at Pack Meetings from 3 other Leaders, so you'd never have to cope on your own.

Want to know more? Then contact the current Akela, Alison Benney or Howard Smith.

Why not check out the 1st Purton and Lydiard Scout website at www.wiltshirescouts.org.uk/purtonandlydiard.

Purton Guide Dog Appeal

Saturday the 10th July found us putting the gazebo up once more, to protect us from either the sun or rain - whichever was to be granted to us on the day of St Mary's School Fayre. Actually, it was a mixture of both but fortunately more sun than rain. We had a very enjoyable and profitable day - taking £128. The children were really enthusiastic about the new posters, puzzles and tombola puppies. We are very grateful to the PTA for allowing us to do a stall at their event. Our current total is £872.34.



We have two fundraising activities this month. On Sunday 5th our last of five summer fete stalls, this time at Brinkworth Show. Last year this was a super day both weather-wise and public support, so here's hoping for the same again or even better! Then, on Saturday 18th, we are having our annual Variety Table Top Day. If you would like to book a table at £6 please contact Sue Matthews asap. Stallholders will be able to get into the Village Hall from 12 o'clock to set up, with the sale starting at 2pm. There will be a raffle and light refreshments. All welcome, entrance free - come along and buy some early Christmas cards and presents (it won't be long!) as well as a bargain or two.

Now that the hot weather is here and you are drinking more, don't forget that the ALUMINIUM (ALU) non-magnetic cans are worth money to us. Please rinse out (because of wasps) and flatten before bagging up - many thanks. For more contact me.

VAL DAVIES
G.D.B.A. Support Group

Leon Slee

The names of Leon and Marlene Slee will be familiar to the readers of both the Parish and Twinning Magazines because of their involvement with so many village organisations. Most interests are shared but it was Leon who agreed to be interviewed whilst Marlene continued tending their beautiful garden on a very hot afternoon.

Since my first meeting with Leon was in connection with the Twinning Association, I began by asking about the organisation's early days. It was surprising that six to seven years of preparation were needed before the formal Twinning. He went on the original visit to establish contacts in Héric where wonderful hospitality was received and real friendships were formed despite initial language difficulties: Marlene, for example, forged links in conversation about gardening using a mixture of English, French and Latin plant names. Leon afterwards learnt more French at home and when on holidays in France. He was on the original Twinning Association Committee and is now delighted that exchanges between school children as well as adults are taking place.

Comments about the fact that he only learnt 'text book' French and limited vocabulary at school led on to his education in general. He was born and educated in Exeter where he disliked school and left at 16 before taking his School Certificate. He became an RAF Apprentice at Halton, having no idea that he could succeed academically. After training and working as an Airframe Fitter, he became the youngest Crew Chief in the Air Force at that time. This involved being responsible for all the servicing for one Vulcan Bomber. Security during the Cold War meant that he had to accompany 'his' aircraft abroad, travelling in cramped conditions with the spare parts, as the only person allowed to carry out routine servicing.

During this period, the Cuban Crisis erupted when Leon's aircraft was waiting ready to be loaded with practice bombs for a night exercise. When armourers accompanied by an American guard brought up an atom bomb instead, Leon telephoned for authorisation before letting them near. This was natural because no-one had any knowledge of the political situation. The bomb was loaded, the crew boarded and the aircraft towed to the end of the runway at RAF Waddington. Leon sat on the trolley on the tarmac ready to start the engines of the first plane to depart with an atom bomb intended for a target in Russia. Leon considers that they were within a few minutes of going to war. Other RAF personnel called back to duty had seen that the Thor nuclear rockets were out of their silos but knew no reason.

Later, Leon's career continued to progress. Because of a chance remark made by a Flight Engineer met in Aden, he applied to become a Flight Engineer himself. Although over-age for the training, he was accepted because of the

thoroughness with which he had learnt all the trades when younger. Needless to say, Leon has very strong views on the disappearance of apprenticeships in both the RAF and civilian life.

On becoming a Flight Engineer, his career changed direction as his work was not on the ground, but in the cockpits of Shackletons, Nimrods, Vulcan bombers, VC 10s and VC 10 tankers. He was also an Instructor for Flight Engineers on several of those planes. In 1963 he was a Crew Chief on a flight of two Vulcan tankers which established a record of 18hrs.10mins. for the non-stop journey between London and Perth, Australia. A similar exploit, still with 101 Squadron but as the flight Engineer, took place in April 1987 when his VC 10 tanker flew from London to Perth in 15hr.55mins.

Leon stated that he really enjoyed his career: travelling around the world, staying in the occasional superb hotel, and having a few frightening periods with malfunctions and other incidents such as unexpected bad weather and the very close proximity of the opposition. Nevertheless, after 38 years in the RAF, Leon does not miss the service life, probably because he is active in so many different fields. For example, travelling with Marlene continues, having holidays in the winter sun and using the caravan all the year round exploring both Britain and France.

It is not surprising that they both have an urge to seek new places. Their first home together was in Bahrain where their son was born. Three years were spent in Singapore with their two children, Linda and Graham, followed by various postings throughout the British Isles. It was when Leon was posted to Brize Norton that Leon and Marlene came to Purton, houses nearer to the base being too expensive. Here, Marlene's dreams of a bungalow with roses and white doves in the garden were eventually realised. Despite an original intention to retire somewhere further west, they decided to remain in the village because of its good location for visiting their daughter's family in Elgin and their son in Kent. Most importantly, they both wished to continue frequent contact with friends made and societies originally joined when Marlene was alone in the village whilst Leon was away on duty.

After all the information about such a busy life, I rather tentatively asked about any further activities. Leon contributes to magazines other than those in Purton and is Secretary for Purton Probus. They both belong to the Gardeners Guild, The Upper Thames Boules Club (meeting at the Foresters Arms at Leigh) and the Wootton Bassett Wine Circle for those who make home-made wines. In addition, they judge the wine at the British Legion Autumn Show held in the Red House, where the standard is so high that they wish they could award more prizes. (They are most concerned that it should be known that they walk there and back!)

It was fascinating to learn that Leon's modesty hid his achievements in so many fields: from the professional expertise learnt the hard way to the sustained commitment to helping maintain the variety and quality of village life.

GWYNETH DATSON

PURTON PLACARD

Groups are invited to submit to the Editor details of forthcoming events in, for and on behalf of our community.

Purton and District Age Concern

*Jumble Sale
At the Village Hall, Purton*



*Saturday 11th September at 2.00pm.
Lots of bargains, bric a brac, nearly new,
books, raffle and refreshments*

*Items for sale can be left at the Hall
from 12.00noon to 1.00pm*

Village Hall Fundraising
Saturday October 30th at 2.00pm
TABLE TOP SALE
At the Village Hall
To book a table, price £6.00
contact 771066

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JOIN THE GREAT CYCLE RIDE



Saturday 11th September 2004
SPONSORED
BIKE RIDE AND WALK
around the Churches and Chapels of Wiltshire
to raise money for the church of your choice and
Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

PRIZES - PRIZES - PRIZES
£50 to the best cyclists aged 15 and over and under 15
for most money raised and churches visited
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Don't miss out on your chance to raise money for your local church

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Garage Sale Weekend at 38
Station Road, Purton

Sat 18 Sept: 10am to 4pm
Sun 19 Sept 11am to 4pm
A large variety of
goods for sale

Must be cleared.
Enquiries: tel 770251

3rd Purton Pram/Barrow Race



Sunday 12th September 2004

Starting 12.30 pm

Can you survive the course!!

START & FINISH

at the Red House Playing Fields

Entry forms now available from:

Keith Taylor

Paul Clifford

The Spar, & Purton Pubs & Clubs

Three Legged Race

Starting 3.00 pm

Following the Pram Race on the
Red House Playing Fields

Entry on the day

Followed by lots of fun for all the family

BBQ/Bar/Bouncy Castle/Games etc

Raising money for a children's slide on the playing field.

September Serenade
A Beautiful Selection of
Classical Music
for 1, 2 & 3 Guitars

John Mills,
Cobie Smit
& Janet Mosley



in aid of
The Oxford Transplant Foundation

at St Mary's Church, Purton
on Sunday 26th September
3.00 to 5.00 pm

Tickets:
£6.00 Adults
£3.00 Children and OAPs

Village Hall Fundraising
Friday October 1st at 7.30pm
In the VILLAGE HALL
Mikron Theatre Presents

On The Line

Tickets: £6 adults £15 Family
Contact 771066

Music with Mum

class for mums and children to
the age of 5 running in the
Blunsdon Methodist Hall

from 10.30
on Tuesday mornings
starting 21st September

Please contact Nicky Strange

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September:

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| 1 | W | 2.00pm | Age Concern Mystery Tour. £9 with tea provided |
| | | 7.30pm | RAOB Excelsior Lodge at the Ghost Train |
| 3 | F | 9.30am | Age Concern Concessionary Coach to Swindon |
| 5 | Su | 8.00am | Holy Communion at St Mary's |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Communion at Playclose Methodist Church |
| | | 10.30am | Family Service at St Mary's - all welcome |
| | | 6.30pm | Evensong at St Mary's |
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| 6 | M | 7.00pm | PCC meeting |
| 7 | Tu | 7.30pm | Age Concern Committee Meeting at Silver Threads |
| | | 8.00pm | N.W.R. Italian Quiz Evening at Janet's |
| 8 | W | 10.00am | to 12noon: Coffee and Chat at Silver Threads |
| | | 2.30pm | Pram Service at Methodist Church |
| | | 2.30pm | Methodist Women's Fellowship Japanese Afternoon at Hooks Hill |
| | | 7.30pm | RAOB Excelsior Lodge at the Ghost Train |
| 11 | Sa | See p28 | Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride |
| | | 2.00pm | Age Concern Jumble Sale at Village Hall |
| 12 | Su | 8.00am | Holy Communion at St Mary's |
| | | 10.30am | Harvest Festival at Playclose Methodist Church |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Communion at St Mary's |
| | | 12.30pm | 3rd Purton Pram Race at Red House playing fields, followed by: |
| | | 3.00pm | PEST 3-Legged Race at the Red House playing fields |
| | | 6.30pm | Evensong at St Mary's |
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| 14 | Tu | 10.00am | Purton Probus at the Red House |
| | | 11.00am | Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House |
| | | 2.00pm | Silver Threads Club: <i>Co-op Ladies Choir</i> |
| | | 7.30pm | PEG meeting |
| | | 7.30pm | Purton Yacht Club |
| | | 8.00pm | Carnival Open Meeting at Silver Threads Hall - everyone welcome |
| 15 | W | 10.00am | to 12noon: Coffee and Chat at Silver Threads |
| | | 2.15pm | Pram Service at St Mary's |
| | | 7.30pm | RAOB Excelsior Lodge at the Ghost Train |
| | | 7.30pm | Purton Evening WI, Village Hall. Members' Evening Social Event |
| 16 | Th | 10.30am | Songs of Praise at the Cedars |
| | | 7.30pm | Purton Historical Society, St Mary's Upper School Hall, Carl Boardman on "Sinners and Villains of Oxford" |
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- 18 Sa 10.00am to 4.00pm: Garage Sale, 38 Station Road
2.00pm Table Top Sale at Village Hall in aid of Guide Dogs
- 19 Su 8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10.30am Service at Playclose Methodist Church
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11.00am to 4.00pm: Garage Sale, 38 Station Road
6.30pm Evensong at St Mary's
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- 20 M 7.45pm St Mary's Fellowship of Women: "Britain's National Parks",
presented by Mervyn Silver
- 21 Tu 7.45pm Royal British Legion at the Red House
8.00pm 1st Carnival Committee Meeting at the Working Men's Club
(back room)
- 22 W 10.00am to 12noon: Coffee and Chat at Silver Threads
2.30pm Pram Service at Methodist Church
7.30pm RAOB Excelsior Lodge at the Ghost Train
- 23 Th 8.00pm N.W.R. "Signing" at Mary Hodge's
- 25 Sa 10.30am to 3.00pm: St Mary's Church Bazaar in the Village Hall
11.00am to 4.00pm: Open Studio, 87 Pavenhill
- 26 Su 8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10.30am Service at Playclose Methodist Church
10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's
11.00am to 4.00pm: Open Studio, 87 Pavenhill
3.00pm to 5.00pm: Classical Music for Guitars at St Mary's Church.
Tickets £6 adults, £3 Concessions
6.30pm Evensong at St Mary's
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- 27 M 7.30pm Purton Helping Hand Club, Silver Threads
- 28 Tu 10.00am Purton Probus at the Red House
2.00pm Silver Threads Club: *WI Group entertains*
- 29 W 10.00am to 12noon: Coffee and Chat at Silver Threads
2.30pm Pram Service at Methodist Church
7.30pm Purton Historical Society, St Mary's Upper School Hall, 1st
week of French Revolution Course
7.30pm RAOB Excelsior Lodge at the Ghost Train

October:

- 1 F 7.30pm Mikron Theatre Presents On The Line. At the Village Hall.
Tickets £6 adults, £15 Family
- 2 Sa 6.00pm (for 6.30pm) St Mary's Church Harvest Supper in Silver
Threads Hall

If your Club or Organization's Events are not included, let us know:
Purton Magazine c/o In Touch Services, 115 Pavenhill

Perambulator



DAMSONS ARE NOT EXACTLY A DESSERT PLUM, although they make a most commendable fruit pie. Even better is if you boil them in a modest quantity of water until they are really soft, then swirl them around in a colander in a bowl to separate the fruit from the pips, then boil the fruit up with an equal quantity of sugar so that the result is the queen regnant of all jams. So when I found my damson tree was dying I took steps to plant another. The garden centre had none in stock but they would let me know. When they did and I collected my precious tree I was warned I must not expect it to fruit for three years. Well, this is the third year and as spring advanced into summer I was delighted to see the abundance that loaded its branches. But they seemed a bit big for damsons and not quite the right colour; and neither they were, for they were greengages. But lovely greengages all the same and when fully ripe the fruit was as sweet and juicy as ever you could wish, and the fruit laden tree looked like a picture from a catalogue. But nature always has a joker up its sleeve, before I could start gathering them in quantity a horde of invading wasps took over and that was that. But even though the remaining branches of my old damson continue to bear a fair amount of fruit I must still look out for another.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH KISSING goes on in Purton but we now have at least four brand new kissing gates on our village footpaths, which should help things along. Handsome, sturdy things and a tribute not only to the workmanship they express but the spirit of freely given community service they symbolise. We can't remind ourselves enough that they are the work of a small team of dedicated volunteers who make it their business to ensure that the numerous footpaths with which our village is blessed, are decently furnished with stiles and properly and helpfully signposted. Brian Broad, Alec Dodson, George Young and their colleagues have earned our gratitude for their quiet and persistent labours over the years; perhaps those new kissing gates should each bear one of their names.

WHAT A SUMMER IT IS FOR GARDENS, all so full of lovely flowers; at every turn of the village the eye is greeted with lavish displays of colourful blooms which give a lift to the spirit and add to the joy of just being alive. The transformed courtyard of the Parish Offices is a beautiful tribute to civic consciousness and some unknown person's green fingered sense of colour and magic, whilst numerous private homes have evidently laboured long to provide passers-by with a spectacle of lavish glory such as would befit one of the stately homes of England. But at the risk of invidiousness I must say one garden on a corner site in Ringsbury Close has surely earned the supreme accolade for sheer lavishness of colour, variegated bloom and general abundance of carefully tended plant display. As I passed it one evening I was so captivated I wanted to transfer the whole scene to the High Street so that everyone could have a share in the joy of it.

I WAS RATHER TAKEN ABACK when two elderly couples came to my door and

asked to see my own garden. It was OPEN DAY and I had always assumed that those who entered for it were a sort of secret society of very learned professional garden people who know all the names of plants in Latin; not for the likes of amateurs like me at all. Anyway I made them welcome even though they had mistaken my garden for another and they enthused a great deal about my fig tree, which actually produces a nice crop. And when later a friend told me he had looked over the fence from a neighbour's garden and was impressed by my growing things I decided next time I would enrol for OPEN DAY myself. But there is no way I could begin to compete with Ringsbury Close!

EZZY IS BECOMING LESS ALOOF and much more companionable; he now insists on curling his Siamese self right on the paper on which I am trying to write and shows strong displeasure at my gentle efforts to shift him. Tempé is also developing some odd behaviour patterns, becoming increasingly jealous of any attention I might give to Ezzy or even to the chickens. She is very finicky about her food but if I take some stale bread to the chickens she insists on having a full share herself just to ensure she is in the picture. Whoever heard of a dog wolfing down bread, even if I do make it myself with organically grown, stone-ground wheat? I am beginning to think I should enrol her for counselling.

Deciding Tomorrow, Today

Don't forget - the dates of the next two meetings (both at 7.30pm) are Thursday 9 September and Thursday 28 October (both in the Silver Threads) – documents are available on www.purtoninfo.org.uk or from Richard Pagett (771867) or Shirley Bevington (771066).

The Purton Angel

Yes, she gets up at 5.30 every, and I mean every, morning and is making her first call at 6.30am. She visits many homes in the course of her day either cleaning for someone or visiting an elderly person to either clean for them or help them get dressed, make their bed, or help them with their personal requirements. She gets shopping, takes and gets prescriptions, puts wheelie bins out and brings them in when they are empty, and is like an agony aunt to some of the elderly who get distressed about something. She will water plants for people when they go away then, in-between all this, she has to pop back home to attend to her husband who had a very bad accident just before Christmas. Then to finish off the day, she goes and cleans for a Purton-based firm, getting back home by 7.30pm. She is also an Age Concern warden for her area.

Now if that's not an Angel what is? Of course if you have not already guessed who she is, it's Angela Smith.

She certainly is mine! It would be impossible for me to be without her.

BOB MARTIN

Purton Historical Society



The Society had another sunny day for the Tour of local Churches. Our thanks to Helen and her helpers for showing us the history and also the part played by the local gentry in the development of these Churches.

Wroughton Historical Society On 29th July the Committee with the help of Bob Tinson took about 15 members of the Wroughton Society for a short tour of Purton, with longer stops at the Chapel and Church. They had a very enjoyable time and have invited our Society to visit them next year. We were also joined on the tour by Richard Carruthers and friend from Vancouver. Richard is researching several of his local ancestors and happened to be in Purton on that one night, so was delighted to join us.

Cogges Manor Farm Trip Wednesday, Sept 8th. I still have a few places left. Contact me if you would like to come. We are meeting at Cogges Manor Farm, Witney, at 7.00pm which is signposted. The cost will be £2.00 for the Society to cover the cost of a special guided tour. The entrance fee is adults £4.40 and seniors £2.85. These are the correct prices – I think I'd put the wrong entrance prices in last month!

Meeting On Thursday Sept. 16th, Carl Boardman will be talking on "Sinners and Villains of Oxford". We all enjoyed his highly individualistic style of presentation when he spoke about Oxford Prison and the life of an Archivist the last time he was with us. We meet in St Mary's School Upper hall at 7.30p.m.

Cricklade Historical Society On Wednesday September 22nd, their talk will have Purton connections in that Bob Townsend will be telling the tale of James Kibblewhite, our Purtonian running hero who held the world record for 3 miles in 1889. They meet at the Town hall at 7.30pm for coffee with the talk at 7.45pm. On Saturday 4th September they are having a fund raising event at the Town Hall at 2.00pm.

Wootton Bassett Historical Society Thursday 23rd September. In case you missed Iris Smith talking about Emily, the Victorian Cook earlier in the year, now is your chance to hear it at the Wootton Bassett Society. They meet at 7.30pm at the Civic Centre.

Autumn Course This Autumn we will be studying "The French Revolution". The course will run on Wednesdays from September 29th to November 10th. There will be no meeting on October 27th. If you sign up for the course before the first meeting, a study guide is available. Meetings will be at St Mary's Junior School Hall at 7.30pm except for October 13th when it will be at Bradon Forest. Cost will be £15. For more details contact Julia Cook.

Trip to Paris The Historical Society's first foreign trip is being organised to link in with the French Revolution course. There may be still a few spaces for the trip on 28th to 31st October. Cost is £220 per person based on two people sharing, a single supplement of £60 is charged. Contact me for details.

EVE BOOY, Secretary

Village Hall Fundraising

The on-going project to replace the heavy old trestle tables is progressing very well. In addition to our own fundraising efforts there have been several very generous donations and soon we will have completed the change-over. When this is done we will be looking to replace the smaller tables with lighter, more manageable ones. Our next event will be a theatre production called *ON THE LINE* performed by MIKRON THEATRE. The following is a brief outline of the production.

In 1844, Richard Trevithick ran a steam locomotive on the Penydaren Tramway. Thus began the age of the railways. To celebrate the 200th anniversary, Mikron's new production will track down the real story of this important part of our heritage.

Along the way we'll meet the people who built, worked and travelled on the railways. With a unique blend of original songs and music, humour and pathos, the actors will bring to life the dramas of their construction and the glory days of steam. They will cross the points into nationalisation and electrification, get delayed by Dr Beeching, become sidetracked with privatisation and, hopefully, speed into a high-tech future.

This will be on Friday October 1st at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale nearer the date so watch out for posters and then book quickly. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing new faces among the regulars.

After that, on October 30th, we will be having a table-top sale. To book a table, the cost is £6 and the contact telephone numbers for either of these events are 771066.

SUSAN MATTHEWS – on behalf of the Trustees

Purton Evening W.I.

I don't think many of us were aware of the extent of preparations made by the Government during the two or three years preceding the last war. The fascinating talk and slides by Nick McCamley, entitled "Secret Underground Cities", gave us an amazing insight into the city which was built beneath ground using old quarries in the Bath and Corsham area, to store many of the country's precious items, arts and paintings from the London galleries and to store munitions to be used during the war. Our own display of wartime memorabilia ranged from medals and enlistment papers, to ration books, soldiers' helmets and even a baby's gas mask to hold the whole baby – a most enjoyable evening.

On September 15th the meeting will be a social evening when our own members entertain, and on October 20th we have a talk by Dennis Price on "Faces of Peru". This looks to be an interesting topic and all visitors will be welcome to join us. So don't sit at home, ladies – come and join us at 7.30pm in the village hall on either of these dates – I am sure you will enjoy your evening.

MAUREEN QUINCEY



No Added Sugar

Local artists Toni Robinson and Gordon Dickinson started their community arts company, called No Added Sugar, nearly 3½ years ago and have worked extensively in the region. They will be opening their studios to the public on Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th September between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm as part of the ArtsNoW trail in the North Wiltshire area.

Toni last exhibited in Purton in 2001 at Hurstead Farm with an installation called *Silent Change*. It was in response to the many changes in the culture of Purton, due to the decline in farming, leading to several friends and neighbours reluctantly selling off their dairy herds. She works with a variety of media including oil on canvas, sculpture and installations.

Gordon is a prolific artist who takes part in many exhibitions each year as well as his duties as a founder member of CAOS (Contemporary Arts Of Swindon). He has completed 15 commissions for public sculptures in Wiltshire alone, his latest being for Chippenham Hospital which will be unveiled later this year.

All will be welcome at their 87 Pavenhill studios on 25th and 26th September between 11.00am and 4.00pm to view a cross section of their widely differing creations – some of which will be for sale. More details about their company and previous productions can be found at www.noaddedsugar.org or by calling the studio on 772088.



Gordon with eagle sculpture



Portrait oil on canvas

Purton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides



A quiet month to report on as the units wind down for the summer. The Rainbows managed to fit in a walk along one of the footpaths across the fields to participate in a national guiding challenge entitled "Walking the World". They then held their last meeting of the term in Panda's garden where they played their favourite games, had ice-cream and said goodbye to Bethany, Emma, Rebecca, Robyn and Sherie who will all be moving on to Brownies soon. They also said goodbye to their Young Leader, Jenny, who will be moving on to college in September and therefore no longer able to get to Rainbow meetings. Young Leaders are aged 14+ and make a valuable contribution – all units now have Young Leader vacancies if anyone out there is interested.

1st Purton Brownies held their last meeting of term at Lydiard Park where they went for a mini-beasting session led by one of the park rangers, had a picnic tea and played parachute games. Guides celebrated the end of term by going swimming.

At the time of writing (late evening on copy deadline day – as usual!) I'm recovering from a Brownie activity day held today. 1st Purton Brownies have been to Hawaii for the day – it's amazing what a little bit of imagination can turn the Millennium Hall into! After the Brownies had cleared customs we started with breakfast at 8 am and saw the Brownies onto their planes home at 7 pm. We managed to fit in lots of craft and games as well as the "chores" – preparing meals, washing up, etc. We were also pleased to welcome a few older Rainbows from the Purton and Lydiard Millicent units who visited for a couple of hours as a taster of what Brownies get up to. All the Brownies who came gained their World Traveller badge by completing the activities, but I shan't say any more about what we did as I hope there will be a report by a Brownie next month. Although we all went home tired, it was a great day with a lot of fun and laughter for Brownies and leaders alike.

To finish I shall reiterate my plea from last month: If anyone would be interested in helping out with any of the units once term restarts in September, do contact me. Helping with one of the units is a great way to get involved in the community in an enjoyable way. There's a lot of "job satisfaction" in being a leader.

JO SULLY, Braydon District Commissioner

Carnival 2004 Open Meeting

Tuesday 14 September, Silver Threads Hall, start 7.30pm.

Carnival result will be presented followed by open discussion session. Everyone is invited to come along and put forward your views and suggestions for the next carnival.

First committee meeting: Tuesday 21 September, Working Men's Club, start 8pm..

PURTON POSTBAG

The Editor reserves the right not to publish letters received where space and content dictate. No correspondence can be accepted for publication without the proper name and address of the correspondent being supplied. However those details may be withheld from being published if so requested.



I would like to thank Jacqui Lay and her committee for organising such a wonderful Children's Activity Week, for without someone to organise it, the week would not have happened. We had a fantastic time and it was great to see so many different generations from the village working and playing together. I think the children enjoyed it too!

KATE ROBINSON

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the gift, also personal gifts and cards I received on my retirement as a Teaching Assistant at St Mary's Primary School. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness I have received.

My many years at the School have been very happy and the staff and children will always be remembered with affection.

MARGARET CARTER
The Hyde

The following is part of a letter from a Purton Magazine reader in California.

As soon as it arrives I sit out in the garden with my specs, a cup of tea, some biscuits and I read every word, every name and all advertisements. Yes, I am in touch as to what is taking place in your community. I imagine myself walking down Church Path, looking over the fields by the Cenotaph just enjoying the quiet relaxation a village brings. When I visit England, Purton is always a priority.

I wonder if the contributors to this informative publication in whatever capacity they serve realize the distribution to former Purtonians in many parts of the world. I know you also send it to one of our mutual friends in Australia.

Doreen Kearley (nee Dance)
Formerly of Red Gables, Purton

Correction

Our correspondent's letter from Australia last month was from Daphne Mader, nee Clayton (not Blayton). Our apologies for this error.

Open Gardens –letter of thanks

Robin and Karon Gough would like to thank everyone who came to their garden and bought tea, coffee and cake, which people had given us to sell. We raised the sum of £125.00, which we will be donating to Headway (brain injuries) the Megan Gardner charity.

Also thanks goes to all the helpers who made the tea and coffee. The winner of *Name the Rabbit* was Pearl Lait, with "Crystal".

Cenotaph Water

This is the final report on the Cenotaph water. It is now working and the tap is encased with a lockable cover. Thanks to Eric and Paul Booth for making this for us – as usual, it was free of charge. It is not the first time they have helped us out (I don't expect it will be the last, either), so once again, many thanks Eric and Paul, it is greatly appreciated.

The final part is easy. We are purchasing a hose on a reel, long enough to reach round the Cenotaph. Then, of course, we will have to lock it up and conceal it but, as always, make it easily accessible. We have certainly found the benefit of the water already, so our final thanks to you all for your generosity and kindness. It was a great achievement by one and all.

TONY PRICE
on behalf of the Cenotaph working party

Young People's Term Time Activities – The Church in Purton

Pram Services for Pre-School Age

These ½ hour times of fun start again on 8 September.

We enjoy music, stories, activities, simple prayers followed by juice and biscuits (or tea/coffee!) Further information from Revd Jane Haslam (770210)



1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at Play Close Methodist Chapel, 2.30pm;
3rd Wednesdays at St Mary's Church, 2.15pm.

Junior Church for Primary School Age

An hour of fun and learning for young people from 3yrs upwards.

Junior Church begins again on 12 September with worship, activities and games for young people at St Mary's Infant Hall 10.30am-11.30am every Sunday (except 1st Sunday of the month). There are three age groups: 3-5yrs, 5-7yrs and 7yrs+. Further information from

Mary Hodges.

Hot Potatoes for Secondary School Age

Hot Potatoes begins again on Friday 10th September at The Manse, High Street. School years 7-9 meet 7.30pm-9.00pm and years 10+ meet 9.00pm-10.30pm

Christian discussions on burning issues (school, home, films, life, etc...), a chance to question and debate always followed by pizza, crisps and chocolate... Further information from Paul Critchley.



All are welcome

Cricklade Fire Station

During July, crews from Cricklade attended 17 emergency calls as follows:-

1/7/04 at 0147	Road traffic collision, persons trapped, A419 s-bound, Seven Bridges
2/7/04 at 0546	Road traffic collision, persons trapped, B4696, Spine Road, Ashton Keynes
4/7/04 at 0059	Boat fire, Cotswold Water Park, Somerford Keynes.
5/7/04 at 1616	Automatic fire alarm (AFA), residential school, Calcutt Street, Cricklade.
9/7/04 at 1056	Road traffic collision, persons trapped, B4696, Braydon Crossroads, 1 fatality.
9/7/04 at 1224	AFA, sheltered flats, Bath Rd, Cricklade. False alarm due to apparatus.
9/7/04 at 1453	Reported barn fire, Minety, false alarm with good intent.
14/7/04 at 2201	Hotel fire, Market Place, Cirencester.
17/7/04 at 0727	AFA, farm premises, Minety.
18/7/04 at 1839	Bonfire out of control, Horcott, Fairford.
21/7/04 at 1704	Car fire, M4 eastbound Junctions 16 to 17.
21/7/04 at 1711	Standby duties, Swindon Fire Station.
21/7/04 at 1730	Road traffic collision (5 cars), A419, Blunsdon.
22/7/04 at 1905	Chimney fire, Public House premises, High Street, Cricklade.
23/7/04 at 1832	Car fire, A419 Blunsdon.
26/7/04 at 1650	AFA, Sheltered flats, High Street, Purton.
31/7/04 at 2155	Serious property fire (Make pumps 4), A419 Calcutt.

Escape Plans – Plan Together Now

Take everyone into account.

- Make your fire action plan with everyone in your household, especially children and elderly or disabled people.

Your best escape route is your normal way in and out of your home.

- Decide on a different route as well, in case the normal way is blocked.
- Keep all escape routes clear.

Tell everyone in your household where you keep your door and window keys.

- You can be safe as well as secure if you make sure that anyone who needs to get out in an emergency can easily open doors and windows.

When it's safer to stay in your home.

- If your escape route is blocked, it may be safer to stay put and protect yourself until the Fire Brigade arrives.

Find a suitable room now. Choose one with a window that opens and, if possible, a phone so that you can call 999.

If you are interested in becoming a retained Firefighter or want Fire Safety advice then please contact any of the personnel below:

Sub Officer Neil Vigor – 07971 547069
Leading Firefighter Rob Milican – 01793 751482
Leading Firefighter Brian Francis – 01793 750535

Purton Cricket Club



With four weekend matches of the league season left the 1st XI is in a middle table position and the 2nd XI are competing for promotion to Division 4. The U13 and U15 teams have enjoyed their seasons and learned from the experience of playing league cricket. The evening league and Sunday teams are playing with enthusiasm and success although the current bad weather is making it difficult to fulfil the fixture lists.

JOE GARDNER

September's fixtures at Purton:-

Sunday 5th	U13 v Erlestoke	1.30pm
Sunday 12th	Sunday XI v Goatacre	2.00pm

Talent Evening

Thursday 7th October, Village Hall, 7.30pm
We still need entries. The qualifications are:-

1. Amateur or semi-professional
2. All types of entertainment (no fire-eaters though!)
3. Classes: Under 16; Over 16
4. Entries are not restricted to just Purton
5. 1st prize in each class: £25

For an entry form contact: Lynda Warren.
Don't wait – do it now!

Riddle-Me-Ree

From each line take one letter from the underlined words to make the name of a place.

Can you solve it?

My first is in COFFEE; in tea we don't see
My second's in MILK; in cream it can't be
My third's found in HONEY, though sugar's without
My fourth's found in DOUGHNUTS, in biscuits no shout.
My fifth is in CAKE and in SPONGE there's no doubt
My whole is a river the North holds with pride
It flows through a river, so fast and so wide

Where am I?

Answer in next month's issue
Compiled by Bookworm



August's Riddle

The answer was:

Truro

Mattford Dairy

The recent envelope collection in support of Macmillan cancer relief resulted in £390.89 donated by our customers for which the organisers of this challenge are extremely grateful and we in turn thank you.

Now is the time to think about ordering Dairy Diaries and a provisional order has already been placed. It will be helpful if you place orders as soon as you receive the leaflet as there are items other than ordinary diaries advertised which will need to be ordered specially.

Just recently there has been milk stolen off doorsteps. If this occurs, please let us and P.C. Harvey know so that between us we may stop it happening. As it seems to happen in the very early hours of the morning, all we can do is ask you to take your milk in as soon as you can. If you do hear or see anything suspicious look out and check.

It appears to be youngsters hanging about in the very early hours that seem to be tempted so one does ask the question why are they out so early? Do their parents even know they are out?

All Souls

A Service for Remembering our departed loved ones

All will be welcome



On 7 November at 6.30pm at St Mary's we are holding our annual All Souls Service. This year we will remember those who have died in the last year and those you especially wish to remember.

If there is someone you would particularly like to remember, please can you let Revd Jane Haslam know in the coming weeks.



From the Registers

Baptisms

11 July *Carys Williams*
Joshua and Kayla Butcher

Marriages

3 July *Kevin Law and Melanie Jane Herbert*
18 July *Jeanette Holland and Matthew Warner*
31 July *Peter James Griffin and Victoria Rosalind Grogan*

Funerals

6 July *Jill Primrose Holland (64)*
9 July *John Henry Read (60)*
16 July *Saffrone Elizabeth Ockwell (Baby)*
22 July *Janet Clifford (72)*

Help write a new “Rethink Rubbish Directory” for this area

Do you collect wool for knitting blankets; postcards, foil or stamps to raise money for charity; jam jars for making jam? Do you belong to a group running a newspaper collection? Or to an organisation or business that collects seemingly worthless goods that are re-used or recycled?

If so, we'd like to hear from you! The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, together with the Northern Community Area Partnership, is putting together a **Rethink Rubbish Directory** for the area covering Lyneham, Wootton Bassett, Purton, Cricklade, Marston Meysey and all villages in between.

The directory will give an A-Z of what to do with unwanted items from Aerosols and Aluminium cans to Yellow Pages, Yoghurt pots and Zips. The information will be local to the area, listing contact details for shops, charities, organisations and individuals; together with the items they will take for re-use or recycling. It will also include advice on where to buy recycled goods and tips about reducing rubbish.

It is one of 20 that will be produced for each Community Area in Wiltshire and it aims to provide answers to many of those tricky questions about reducing waste and recycling. For instance, what do all those numbers on plastics mean? Why can only certain plastics go in the recycling skip? Where can I buy strong shopping bags to use instead of plastic carriers? The directory will be available free to the public and is being distributed to libraries, leisure centres and local organisations.

This area is already very active in promoting recycling, with recycling directories available for Wootton Bassett and, of course, the Ps and Qs directory in Purton (available on their website). There is also a dynamic recycling scheme at RAF Lyneham. Volunteers from these projects have agreed to help put all the information together into an extended directory for the area. The existing directories will continue to be available in tandem.

New volunteers are always welcome: we will be surfing the net, ringing round and visiting shops and charities and putting out adverts for information. All expenses will be reimbursed. So if you fancy yourself as a bit of a detective, why not join the team? Alternatively, if you have any information to be included in the directory, I would be grateful if you would contact me by email: kater@wiltshirewildlife.org. I am already aware of several people in Purton who collect things for re-use or recycling, but it would be useful if you could contact me anyway, just in case we miss you out. Many thanks,

KATE ROBINSON
Interim Community Waste Prevention Officer
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

*This project is financed by the National Lottery funded
Community Recycling and Economic Development (CRED) programme
and Wiltshire County Council.*

Purton Churches Together: Activity Week – July 2004

What a brilliant time I had at Activity Week. There were so many children, 119 registered with around 100 attending each day, all having fun and I felt very honoured to be able to be part of it. I was very concerned in the early stages of organising the week that there would not be enough helpers, but I need not have worried. My prayers were answered, as over 35 adult helpers turned up to include 16 new helpers who I hope will be able to come next year.

PLUS 25 young people aged 12-17 many of whom, unexpectedly dedicated 4 days of summer holidays to be part of the team. They were all outstanding and hopefully will continue to volunteer as the next generation of people in this village who do so much to make it such a wonderful place to live in. **A big thank you, to you all.**

So what did we do? Favourites of the day seemed to be cooking, sport, woodwork and then all the craft work we did. Fantastic clay gargoyle faces were moulded and painted, papier-mâché pots created and painted, sewing and general craft work. Knitting was attended by 25 youngsters; then there was face painting, music making, painting and drawing. Board games, draughts, dominoes etc. were also very popular. Safe Cycling and a Treasure Hunt around the village plus a trip to the allotments and wild life pond were much enjoyed. At the allotments, we looked at numerous vegetables being grown and tried to guess why there were bags of hair hanging on sticks. Apparently these keep the badgers away. Thank you, to the patient gardener who didn't mind digging up his potatoes to show the children how many potatoes were under each plant. I learnt a lot and I am sure the children will be inspired to plant vegetables.

The only complaint was, that there wasn't enough time to do all the activities.

A huge thank you, to everyone, helpers and contributors plus not to forget the children; without them the week wouldn't happen.

Now planning next year!!! Volunteers needed for a committee to help.

JACQUI LAY

PADS Present... Their 30th Anniversary Play

"The Decorator"
A Comedy by Donald Churchill

At Purton Village Hall on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th October at 7:30pm.



"When a decorator takes a three day job to finish a wealthy man's study, he has no idea he will be involved in the sexual escapades of the man's wife. He has to rely on every trick in his amateur actor bag to help the woman keep her husband from discovering she is having an affair with another woman's husband. His intense and often hilarious performances receive rave reviews from both wives and makes one believe that extraordinary things do happen to ordinary people."

Purton Bowls Club



The good news is that our ladies have won the Top Club Trophy by beating the formidable Box Club on Pewseys Green – making them the new Wiltshire Champions. Following on from this they travelled to Andover and beat the Isle of White in the Regional Finals. They now await the result of the Devon/Cornwall match for their next opponents. Let's hope they make it all the way to the English Finals.

Not to be out-done, our men secured a visit to Worthing English National Finals by winning their semi-final against Holt at Westlecott in the fours. Congratulations to Dave Hall, Reg Wadsworth, Max Holland and Skipper Ian Williams. Ian has also won his Under-25 singles and will also represent the

county in this event. Our season is nearing its end, but there is still time to come along and get a taste for the game. A warm welcome awaits.

SID WALKER



Purton Stoke Art & Vegetable Festival

Saturday Sept 18th, 10 am – 4 pm
and Sunday Sept. 19th, 2 pm – 4 pm

At two sites: Young Farmers' Hall & Chapel.

Many never-before-seen works by local artists.

Entrance on the door by programme (cost 50p) that includes maps of local walks, a list of entries at both sites; refreshments available.

Why not spend a day in the country and enjoy local walks and art?

Drinks & meals available at the Bell inn.

On Sunday:

Harvest services in chapel, 11.00am & 6.30pm Sunday 19th September

Auction of vegetables Monday 20th September, 7.30pm, Chapel hall.

For more details please contact Keith Carter

St Mary's Church Social Events 2004



Saturday 2 October: Harvest Supper,
6pm for 6.30pm, Silver Threads Hall

Saturday 9 October, Concert with
Beth Godfrey, St Mary's Church

Friday 10 December, 7.30pm,
Cantores Choir

Useful Purton Numbers



Doctors	Purton Surgery	770207
Dental Surgery	Philip Cooke	771022
Library	Librarians	770870
Mobile Library	Sarah Reed	01249 650536
Police	Cricklade Police Station	750207
Post Office	Susan Budd	770346
Purton Age Concern	Tony Price	770696
Minibus	John Blackwell	771138
Purton Helping Hand	Pauline Ward	770251
Purton Parish Council	Shirley Bevington	771066
Veterinary Surgery	Purton Animal Surgery	771869

Schools and Play Groups

Playclose Playgroup	Dawn Phillips	778141 or 07759 583566
St Mary's Primary	Secretary	770239
Bradon Forest Comprehensive	Secretary	770570

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Purton Parish Council News

Switch on Project

North Wiltshire District Council is working in partnership with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to promote a new project called 'Switch on'. The aim of which is to link the impacts of climate change on wildlife and to encourage people to make a difference by being energy efficient. Taking action at home is crucial as households account for about a third of all carbon emissions in the UK, so being energy efficient in the home can make a real difference.

To encourage people to take action, an Energy Club has been set up and people in Wiltshire can join for free. Members will be able to; get discounts on energy efficient measures (insulation, light bulbs etc.), share information and ideas with like-minded people, get more information on energy efficiency and climate change through talks/visits, receive and contribute to a regular newsletter.

You can get involved from as little as filling in a Home Energy Survey (finding out how energy efficient your home is) to organising events such as a Village Energy Day.

If you are interested or require further information please contact Hannah Moser, telephone 01380 725670 ext 357 or email at hannahm@wiltshirewildlife.org.

Cycling on Pavements

The Parish Council would like to remind people that they should not ride their bikes on pavements. Apparently it has become quite a problem in The Peak and there is concern that pedestrians will be hit by the cyclists.

The following planning applications have been approved by North Wiltshire District Council:

- N04/00708/FUL** - *Dismantled Railway Line* & other land within The Parishes of Cricklade & Purton Formation of shared surface route between Cricklade and Swindon as part of National Cycle Network.
- N04/00506/FUL** - *Rivendell, Restrop* – Stables and access and change of use of land for keeping horses.
- N04/01434/COU** - *5 Bentham* – Two storey side and rear extension and change of use of agriculture land to residential.
- N03/02959/COU** - *Garage and Store Building Greenhill Nurseries* – Conversion of garage/stores/staff room/potting shed to self contained annexe.
- N04/01366/FUL** - *10 The Fox* – Erection of single garage extension to existing single garage.
- N04/00865/FUL** - *13 & 14 Witts Lane* – Two storey and first floor rear extensions.
- N04/01638/FUL** - *25 Pavenhill* – Conservatory to rear.

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- N04/01644/FUL** - *48 Vasterne Close* – Single storey side extension.
N04/01624/FUL - *Meadow Farm, Purton Stoke* – Temporary caravan for agricultural worker.
N04/01662/FUL - *Land at Blakehill Farm* – Farm building complex.
N04/01869/TCA - *Recreation ground, Village Centre* – Remove Leyland Cypress Hedge.
N04/01626/FUL - *5 High Street* – Double garage.
N04/01627/CAC - *5 High Street* – Demolition of outbuildings
N04/01730/FUL - *28 Purton Stoke* – Rear conservatory

North Wiltshire District Council has refused the following planning application:

- N04/01432/COU** - *Stoke Common Lane Purton Stoke* – Change of use to equestrian

Reasons for Refusal: The proposal, if permitted, would create a form of equestrian development in a countryside location that is larger than small scale and unrelated to an existing dwelling. As such, the proposal is contrary to Policy RLF13 of the North Wiltshire Local Plan 2001.

How to contact the Parish Council:

Telephone number 01793 771066 Fax 772646

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